Amount allocated under National Afforestation Programme

†1900. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the States during current financial year under National Afforestation Programme, State-wise;

(b) the increase registered in forest covered area due to this programme; and

(c) the official policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) State-wise funds allocated under National Afforestation Programme during the current financial year is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) No specific study has been undertaken to assess the increase in forest cover due to National Afforestation Programme (NAP). However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has assigned the responsibility to the Forest Survey of India to monitor area coverage of plantation/ afforestation under NAP by adopting a scientific methodology.

(c) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the projects approved under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is an essential part of the NAP Scheme. Besides monitoring by the State Forest Department, the Ministry of Environment and Forests also commissions independent evaluation of the NAP projects through reputed experts and organizations. The survival percentage of planted seedlings is one of the parameters included in the M&E format prescribed by the Ministry.

Statement

State-wise funds released to FDA projects during the year 2004-05 (As on 28.2.2005J.

SI. No.	State	Amount Released (Rs. crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14.21
2.	Chhattisgarh	17.55
3.	Gujarat	8.23

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

SI. No	State	Amount Released (Rs. crores)
4.	Haryana	7.46
5.	Himachal Pradesh	10.35
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.56
7.	Karnataka	20.82
8.	Madhya Pradesh	16.14
9.	Maharashtra	12.79
10.	Orissa	10.91
11.	Punjab	0.00
12.	Rajasthan	3.59
13.	Tamil Nadu	13.96
14.	Uttar Pradesh	18.27
15.	Uttaranchal	10.77
16.	Goa	0.00
17.	Jharkhand	7.24
18.	Bihar	2.43
19.	Kerala	1.04
20.	West Bengal	6.03
	TOTAL (Other States)	185.35
21.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.76
22.	Assam	8.08
23.	Manipur	5.48
24.	Nagaland	3.22
25.	Sikkim	3.94
26.	Tripura	4.01
27.	Mizoram	11.2
28.	Meghalaya	2.45
	TOTAL (NE States)	39.14
	GRAND TOTAL	224.49